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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

Washington, November 22, 1888.

Doctor Sereno Watson,

Botanic Garden,

Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

In 1884 a collection of plants from Alaska was presented to the Smithsonian Institution by Captain M. A. Healy, of the U. S. Revenue Marine Steamer "Corwin", and in December of the same year was forwarded to the late Professor Asa Gray for examination. The plants have not been returned to the Smithsonian Institution, neither has any report upon them been received.

I write now to say that Captain Healy is anxious to receive some definite information concerning his collection, and that we would be very glad to have the specimens identified if possible. Will you not kindly

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let me know whether the plants are now in your custody, and whether you could comply with this request?

Yours very respectfully,

G. Brown Goode

Assistant Secretary.

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